

Subject: Re: Comment on draft local notification process
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Allan---

Thanks for your comment.

To clarify, "non-metropolitan" is by regulation anything not encompassed within a designated metropolitan planning area (MPO). We'll try to adjust the text in the process to make that clear.

As for the officials, we start with the mayors and leave it to them to delegate the consultation responsibility as they deem appropriate. We were intentionally non-specific in our process because we wanted to give the communities some flexibility and not turn the designation of a "consulting official" into a major administrative burden. In a project that overlaps between city manager and airport manager responsibility, (such as the Juneau second channel crossing) we would want a single official to consult with us on behalf of the community's elected leadership.

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Allan Heese wrote:

These comments are provided in response to request in letter form Jeff Ottesen, dated January 8, 2004.

It should be made clear what is considered a Metropolitan versus Non-Metropolitan area. This may be clear in the regulations, but is not clear in the letter. It is mentioned there are currently only two MPOs.

How does the State determine the "elected or appointed local official with transportation responsibility" in various communities? Specifically, in Juneau, who would this individual be? The CBJ Manager would probably be this person for all except the Airport. However, the Airport is outside his area of responsibility. It would maybe then fall to the Mayor as the single point of contact.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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Love is different than you think -
It's never in a song or on a TV screen.
And love is harder than a word
said at the right time and everything's alright.
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-Derek Webb